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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-248; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 2, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 15-248, to read:

4 15-248. School utility costs; regression analysis; opt out

5 A. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE SCHOOL
6 FACILITIES BOARD AND WITH THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 COMMERCE ENERGY OFFICE, SHALL EXAMINE THE UTILITY BILLS OF EACH SCHOOL
8 DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL IN THIS STATE AND PERFORM A REGRESSION ANALYSIS
9 ON THE DATA IN THE UTILITY BILLS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE CLIMATE, THE ENERGY
10 USAGE PER PUPIL AND PER SQUARE FOOT, THE NUMBER OF PUPILS ENROLLED IN THE
11 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE FACTORS. THE DEPARTMENT
12 OF EDUCATION SHALL IDENTIFY AND NOTIFY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
13 CHARTER SCHOOLS OF EXCESSIVELY HIGH ENERGY CONSUMPTION COMPARED TO SCHOOL
14 DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS WITH SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS. THE DEPARTMENT
15 OF EDUCATION MAY SHARE THE INFORMATION GATHERED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
16 WITH ENERGY PROVIDERS AND MAY WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS,
17 CHARTER SCHOOLS AND ENERGY PROVIDERS TO REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND COSTS
18 OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS.

19 B. A SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A
20 CHARTER SCHOOL MAY OPT OUT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION A BY PROVIDING
21 WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.